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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT TOTALS 394,600 IN OCTOBER

Total employment in Rhode Island decreased slightly in October. A loss of 300 jobs in the Nonmanufacturing industries, due primarily to the closing of a major retailer, more than offset a gain of 200 jobs in the Manufacturing industries, reported Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Department of Employment Security.

Preliminary estimates prepared by the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, indicate 394,600 men and women were employed in Rhode Island in mid–October. This represents a decrease of 100 jobs over the month. On an annual comparison, October employment remained 11,500 jobs below the October, 1981 employment level of 406,100.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall Nonmanufacturing employment in the State declined slightly in October to 275,600, down 300 from the previous month, and 2,700 below the employment level (278,300) of one year ago. Both Contract Construction and Government employment recorded small increases of 100 jobs, but were down 700 jobs and 600 jobs, respectively, compared to last October. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate establishments totalled 21,300 jobs in October, an increase of 100 jobs over the prior month and up 300 jobs compared to a year ago. Transportation and Public Utilities, at 13,400, lost 100 jobs over the month, but remained unchanged from the year ago employment level.

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1983 TAXABLE WAGE BASE

Complying with State law, Mary C. Hackett, Employment Security Director, has announced that the 1983 wage base on which Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance taxes are paid has been established at $9,200 for the tax year which begins January 1, 1983. The current taxable wage base is $8,600.

The new $9,200 base is equal to 70 percent of the annual average wage earned by all workers covered by the R.I. Employment Security Act as well as those covered by the Temporary Disability Insurance Act in 1981. The annual average wage of workers covered by the E.S. Act was $13,137. 70 percent of this average is $9,196. The annual average wage of workers covered by T.D.I. was $13,034. 70 percent of this average is $9,124. Both figures are rounded upward to the next highest multiple of $200 as required by the law, or $9,200.

Experience Rating Schedule I will continue to be in effect for 1983. Tax rates in this Schedule range from 2.8% to 6% of the employer's taxable payroll. Employers will be notified of their individual tax rates for 1983 prior to April 1, 1983.

Employers are reminded that the T.D.I. employee tax rate is 1.2 percent of the taxable wage base and this deduction must be made beginning January 1, 1983.

JOB SERVICE

RHODE ISLAND
JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave.....245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway.....277-3537
NEWPORT, 268 Bellevue Avenue.....847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St.....722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services.....277-3573
Jewelry.....277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction.....277-3556
Professional & Clerical.....277-3584
Temporary Help.....277-3559
NO. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Road.....294-9923
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St.....231-5290
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't.Center
Tower Hill Road.....789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road.....737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street.....596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St.....828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St.....762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS
JOB BANK.....277-3588
or.....Enterprise 2265
TJTC Information.....277-3726
TJTC Job Orders.....277-6950
Call-A-Teen.....277-2964

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1981
Total Placements	1,146 P	2,906	1,934
New Applications	3,753 P	5,421	4,900
New Openings Received	1,829 P	3,690	2,650

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EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	% Change Sept. 1982
Initial Claims	11,206	11,349	- 1.3
No. of Payments	66,815	76,299	- 12.4
Amt. of Payments	$7,112,888	$7,783,918	- 8.6
Exhaustions	1,728	1,784	- 3.1

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	% Change Sept.1982
Initial Claims	1,607	2,120	- 24.2
No. of Payments	16,702	19,434	- 14.1
Amount of Payments	$1,743,294	$2,078,231	- 16.1

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

On September 12, 1982, Federal Supplemental Compensation, a federally financed benefit program, went into effect. This program extends benefit eligibility for up to 10 weeks, to eligible claimants who have exhausted all rights to regular and extended benefits. Statistics for this program are presented below:

	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	% Change Sept. 1982
Initial Claims	4,229	5,159	- 18.0
No. of Payments	17,513	4,902	+ 257.3
Amount of Payments	$2,029,624	$577,674	+ 251.3

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1981
Civilian Labor Force	484.7	484.2	479.2
Unemployment	43.9	41.8	31.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	9.1	8.6	6.5
Seas. Adjusted Rate	9.9	9.3	7.7

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1981
Civilian Labor Force	476.2	478.4	475.3
Unemployment	42.9	47.6	32.9
Rate (Unadjusted)	9.0	9.9	6.9
Seas. Adjusted Rate	INA	INA	INA

Newport Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1981
Civilian Labor Force	34,525	34,970	32,985
Unemployment	1,675	1,860	1,895
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.9	5.3	5.7

Westerly Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1981
Civilian Labor Force	15,350	16,000	15,195
Unemployment	835	975	1,010
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.4	6.1	6.6

CENTRAL FALLS DESIGNATED LABOR SURPLUS AREA

Effective November 1, 1982, the City of Central Falls has been added to the list of Labor Surplus Areas by the U.S. Department of Labor. This classification makes the city eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts, as are the other Rhode Island towns on the following list. The Labor Surplus classifications for these municipalities are effective through May 31, 1983.

Bristol

Central Falls

Johnston

New Shoreham

Providence

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM			
	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1981		Sept. 1982		Oct. 1981
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	394.6	394.7	406.1	-	100	-	11,500
MANUFACTURING	119.0	118.8	127.8	+	200	-	8,800
NONMANUFACTURING	275.6	275.9	278.3	-	300	-	2,700
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	12.6	12.5	13.3	+	100	-	700
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.4	13.5	13.4	-	100		0
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	79.4	79.9	82.7	-	500	-	3,300
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.3	21.2	21.0	+	100	+	300
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	91.2	91.2	89.6		0	+	1,600
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.7	57.6	58.3	+	100	-	600

1982 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1981 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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***Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.**

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT						PRODUCTION—WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From			Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1981		Sept. 1982		Oct. 1982	Oct. 1981	Oct. 1982	Oct. 1981	Oct. 1982	Oct. 1981
ALL MANUFACTURING	119.0	118.8	127.8	+	200	- 8800	254.51	244.14	38.1	39.0	6.68	6.26
DURABLE GOODS	51.6	51.5	55.3	+	100	- 3700	289.86	275.92	38.7	39.7	7.49	6.95
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.8	2.7	2.5	+	100	+ 300	220.85	246.34	32.1	37.1	6.88	6.64
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.2	2.2	2.4		0	- 200	307.67	303.48	38.7	40.9	7.95	7.42
PRIMARY METALS	6.7	6.8	7.6*	-	100	- 900	323.05	301.20	41.9	44.1	7.71	6.83
FABRICATED METALS	9.8	9.7	10.1	+	100	- 300	228.60	232.33	36.0	37.9	6.35	6.13
NON ELEC.MACHINERY	6.8*	6.8*	8.7		0	- 1900	336.26	324.01	39.1	40.3	8.60	8.04
ELEC. MACHINERY	10.3	10.3	11.1		0	- 800	243.46	229.01	38.4	36.7	6.34	6.24
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	8.3	8.2	7.7	+	100	+ 600	371.87	326.84	41.0	40.4	9.07	8.09
INSTRUMENTS	4.7	4.8	5.2	-	100	- 500	278.80	258.73	40.0	40.3	6.97	6.42
NONDURABLE GOODS	67.4	67.3	72.5	+	100	- 5100	229.22	222.72	37.7	38.6	6.08	5.77
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.3	3.2	3.0	+	100	+ 300	253.57	221.76	39.1	36.0	6.48	6.16
TEXTILES	11.0	11.2	12.5	-	200	- 1500	215.65	230.98	36.8	41.1	5.86	5.62
APPAREL	3.0	3.0	3.8		0	- 800	201.22	201.11	38.4	36.9	5.24	5.45
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.6	2.5	2.9	+	100	- 300	249.69	229.08	41.0	38.5	6.09	5.95
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.6	5.8	5.8	-	200	- 200	335.37	300.47	36.1	37.7	9.29	7.97
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	3.0	3.1		0	- 100	337.82	338.04	39.1	40.1	8.64	8.43
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.5	1.5	1.3		0	+ 200	282.03	281.06	39.5	41.7	7.14	6.74
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.1	4.9	5.3	+	200	- 200	265.44	248.62	40.9	40.1	6.49	6.20
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.7	2.6	3.2	+	100	- 500	175.22	178.09	37.6	38.8	4.66	4.59
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	24.0	23.9	25.4	+	100	- 1400	208.50	192.03	38.9	37.0	5.36	5.19
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.6	5.7	6.2	-	100	- 600	174.38	218.90	28.4	39.8	6.14	5.50

1981 Figures Revised. 1982 Figures are preliminary. Estimates are for pay period which includes the 12th of the month.

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The largest monthly loss occurred in Wholesale and Retail Trade where the closing of a large department store was the major factor causing an overall loss of 500 jobs, to a level of 79,400, down 3,300 from the previous October.

MANUFACTURING

The number of men and women employed in Manufacturing industries in Rhode Island increased by 200 jobs to 119,000 in mid–October, but still remained down by 8,800 jobs from the figure reported one year ago.

Durable Goods firms recorded a monthly job gain of 100 jobs, but still showed a loss of 3,700 jobs from the employment figure reported a year ago. Within this sector, Lumber/Furniture and Transportation Equipment showed a monthly gain of 100 jobs each and recorded gains of 300 and 600 jobs, respectively, during the year. Fabricated Metals posted a gain of 100 jobs in the month, but was down 300 from last October's employment figure. Primary Metals and Instruments reported a loss of 100 jobs each in the month and were down 900 and 500 jobs, respectively, compared to their October, 1981 employment levels. The remaining Durable Goods industries recorded no monthly change in employment. On an annual comparison, however, Nonelectric Machinery, where a continuing labor dispute is a major factor, showed a decline of 1,900 workers, Electrical Machinery was down 800 and Stone, Clay & Glass lost 200 workers.

Employment in the Nondurable Goods sector totalled 67,400, up 100 jobs from September, but down 5,100 jobs from October, 1981. Industries recording increased employment in the month were Plastics Products (+200), Food-Beverages (+100), Paper Products (+100), Leather Products (+100), and Jewelry-Silverware (+100). Monthly job losses were reported in Textiles (–200), Printing-Publishing (–200), and Miscellaneous Manufacturing (–100). Apparel, Chemical Products and Rubber Products remained unchanged in the month. Compared to October, 1981 employment levels, Textiles recorded the largest annual loss (–1,500), followed by Jewelry-Silverware (–1,400), Apparel (–800), Miscellaneous Manufacturing (–600), Leather Products (–500), Paper Products (–300), Printing-Publishing (–200), Plastics Products (–200), and Chemical Products (–100). Industries that showed annual gains were Food-Beverages (+300) and Rubber Products (+200).

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production and related workers rose 6 cents over the month to $6.68 an hour and was 42 cents higher than in October, 1981. Average weekly hours worked remained unchanged at 38.1 hours in the month but was down by 0.9 hours compared to a year ago. The average weekly earnings for these production workers increased $2.29 over the month to $254.51 a week–up $10.37 from last October.

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